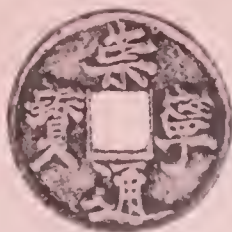


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The Cuban Gold Story

PART I

By C. H. ROBERTS
Corpus Christi, Texas
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It is agreed among numismatists and collectors that supply and demand determine the numismatic value of a coin. Yet any knowledge attained about its nationalistic background enhances its numismatic value. For example, a prospective buyer might find inspiration in owning a certain coin because of endowments, sentiments, and attachments to either a head of state, or to a governing body, or to even the citizenship.

With these thoughts in mind this article about Cuban gold will be 'sandwiched' in by beginning and ending it with Cuban historical information. This layer of gold, like the copper in our copper clad coins, will be found in the middle.

The name Cuba was given to the island by the ancestors of the peaceful and harmless tribe of Indians, and Columbus found there on the day of discovery, October 28, 1492. These early day Indians became so assimilated with the later Cuban generations that their characteristics are unidentifiable in the present day Cubans. Columbus made unsuccessful attempts to rename Cuba in honor of the Spanish royal family as well as the Virgin Mary.

Diego Velasquez established the city of Havana in 1519. He wrote a letter in which he said that part of Cuba was governed by Cacique Habaguanex (an Indian chief). Origin of the name is obscure. It is supposed

that mixing of Spanish and Indian words resulted in the name Le Habana. When "b" or "v" occur between vowels they are pronounced alike in the Castillian tongue, the sound being the combination of the two letters. Some authorities believe that it is a corruption of Savanna.

Webster's dictionary defines this word (of American Indian origin) as "a tropical or subtropical grassland containing scattered trees with an undergrowth of plants strongly resistant to drought."

It is interesting to know that there is a weather vane installed on top of



CUBAN SHIELD — Coinage laws required it to appear on all gold coins.

the watchtower of the fortress EL CASTILLO DE LA FUERZA. It is shaped into the form of an Indian maiden called "La Habana." This structure was begun in 1565 and completed in 1583. It may be a clue to the origin of the name Havana. Authorities also point out that there was a north European port of call HAVANNA which derived its name from the Anglo-Saxon word haven.

The Colonial Spaniards recognized Cuba as an outstanding maritime vantage point because it was situated right in the paths of the ocean lanes of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. They referred to it as "The Key to the New World."

During World War II, the Guantanamo Naval Base became one of the United States' defense bases from which our fleet guarded both the sea and air lanes. We acquired this station by an agreement between the U. S. and Cuba. It is known in this country as the Platt Amendment of June 12, 1901.

Since key is the key word in regard to Cuba being "The Key to the New World," we find that the key appears in a key place upon the Cuban shield. The Cuban shield is important to this story because the coinage laws required it to appear on the reverse of the gold coins. Let's observe some known facts about the shield.

The Phrygian cap on top of the fasces designates freedom. It is the emblem of liberty. The star on the cap represents the sovereignty of the homeland. The fasces signifies authority.

The rising sun indicates the awakening of a new world. It consists of two land masses representing the North and South American continents. With the sea as a background Cuba is denoted as an island by the key placed between the continents.

The lower section showing the

mountains, palm tree, and other vegetation suggest the topography and plant life of the country. The palm is the national tree. The wreath of laurel represents victory while the wreath of oak represents long life and strength.

The three diagonal stripes represent the departments which, in the early days, were political divisions of the island. The white stripes indicate the purity of the intentions of the newborn republic.

There is one point about the shield which is not often mentioned. The bars are in the wrong direction. This was pointed out to Pres. Carlos Manuel de Cespedas in 1870. He replied, "In war there is no time for the niceties of heraldry."

Before we give the story about Cuban gold, we should give an account of the historical and economic conditions of the island that influenced the passage of the Cuban Coinage Act. Political independence dates from May 2, 1902. The first emission of national coinage was made beginning in 1915.

At the close of the Spanish American War in 1898 gold and silver coins from Spain, France, and the U. S. circulated freely in Cuba. American currency was plentiful. These foreign coins fluctuated daily in relation to the Spanish silver dollar. Money changing houses were to be found on many corners of the Havana commercial district. Two American interventions (one of 1899 and another in 1906) had helped to give the U. S. currency and fractional silver a status of monetary preference in the island. This is reminiscent of the time that foreign coins had had a legal tender status in our country until 1857.

Most of the money changing and the retail business was conducted by the Spanish merchants who remained in Cuba after the 1898 war of in-

dependence. Prices of Spanish silver were quoted at a discount of ten per cent to American silver dollars. The Cubans were not offensive against the Spaniards who remained after the war, even though they were the predominating influence of the retail markets.

Out of these events grew the reason for the coinage of 1915 and 1916. It was more a matter of PATRIOTISM than ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. There was plenty of foreign coinage available for consummation of commercial transactions. Cuba wanted a coinage that would give her distinction of national achievement.

A joint resolution of the Cuban Congress, on June 12, 1906, set up a banking commission to regulate the currencies in circulation and to consider the advisability of a national coinage. There was much opposition to the national coinage measure but it was passed into law as the NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEFENSE LAW OF OCTOBER 29, 1914.

Since no mint had ever existed in Cuba, the government contracted with the U. S. mint at Philadelphia for the striking of its first coinage. A Señor Moutouliou was appointed by the Cuban government as its inspector for coinage produced at this mint.

Bids for the design of the new coins were offered competitively. The bid was won by Charles E. Barber of the Philadelphia mint. His designs of the first Cuban coinage were so excellent that other Cuban mints from the same mint have never been able to surpass them.

Gold was coined only in the years of 1915 and 1916 in the amount of 23,786,750 pesos. The denominations of issue were \$20, \$10, \$5, \$4, \$2, and \$1. The dollar sign (\$) was likewise used by Cuba for the pesos sign.

The 1914 LAW OF ECONOMIC

DEFENSE authorizing national coinage provided some of the following regulations about gold coinage:

1. The striking of gold shall be unlimited.
2. The legal standard of gold coins shall be: (a) 900/1000 of fineness. (b) 1/1000 of remedy or tolerance for fineness and 1/1000 weight.
3. Each coin shall be struck bearing the value, weight standard, year coined, and the inscription "REPUBLICA DE CUBA."
4. Those of gold shall bear on the obverse the head of Marti and on the reverse the shield of the Republic.
5. The gold coin of 5, 10 and 20 pesos shall have the same form, weight, and values as the coins of the U.S.A. and those of 4, 2 and 1 pesos shall be adapted as to form and weight to the foregoing.

An interesting observation is made from Article XIII of the Coinage Law. It reads that it was mandatory that the striking be done by the U.S.A. It reads "The executive shall approach the U.S.A. in order that the striking of the national coinage be carried out by the mint of the aforesaid republic." The aforementioned law enumerated the specifications of the coinage but not their designs. (To be continued in next issue ...)

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Cuban

.... silver and nickel coins 1915-1916

By RUBY THIRELKELD,
La Marque, Texas

Cuban history is very interesting but the coinage of this island country is very difficult to obtain by a collector. Today, about the only money used in Cuba is paper, which is not worth much; but then again, there is not much need for money as there is nothing to buy.

Listed and described below are the silver and nickel coins of 1915-16 of Cuba—

One Peso, silver. The obverse has a five-pointed star with rays, dated 1915-16. Left of the date is 26.72590 which represents the weight of the coin in grammes, and to the right 900M indicating the 900/100 fineness of the silver. Above is the legend PATRIA Y LIBERTAD. Approximately 20-30 were minted in proof. Most of these were dated 1916. The edge is reeded. This coin is best known as the "star" type.

Forty Centavos or two-fifths of a peso as it is termed in the original coinage law, is the same design as the silver peso except for the number 10G, which stands for the coin weight, on the left of the date on obverse, and the words CUARENTA CENTAVOS below the shield on the reverse. About the same number of proof pieces were struck as the peso.

Twenty Centavos, silver, or one-fifth of a peso, is the same design as the other pieces of the series except for the number 5G, indicating weight, to the left of the date on the obverse, and the words VEINTE CENTAVOS below the shield on the reverse. The coin is called "peseta" in Cuba. The edge is reeded. Few 1916 proof coins

were minted of this type.

Ten Centavos, silver, or one-tenth of a peso, is of the same design except for the number 2.5G and words DIEZ CENTAVOS. The edge is reeded. The same number of proof coins were struck as the preceding silver coins.

Five Centavos, nickel, was composed of an alloy of 25 parts nickel and 75 parts copper. The obverse has a star without rays on which is superimposed the Roman Numeral V. Left of the date below the star is the combination 5GR which states the weight of the coin in Grammes. Right of the date is the combination 250M, which means 250 milésimas (thousandths) the amount of nickel in the alloy. The same type shield is on the reverse as the other coins with REPUBLICA DE CUBA above and CINCO CENTAVOS below. The edge is plain.

Two Centavos is of the same general design as the other coins of this series, but with the Roman Numeral II superimposed on the star. Left of the date on the obverse can be seen 3.56 and to the right, 250M, the amount of nickel in the alloy. The reverse has the words DOS CENTAVOS below and has a plain edge. No more coins of this value were struck in the following years.

One Centavo, resembles the two nickel coins in its design. On the obverse the Roman Numeral I is superimposed on the star and on the left of the date is 2.5G, on the reverse below the shield are the words UN

(Continued on Page 23)

THE MIXTECAN TREASURE FIND

(Editor's Note: The following appeared in the January 30, 1932 edition of The Literary Digest and was submitted by Ralph Watters of Taft, Texas.)



Pearls as large as pigeons' eggs. A human skull decorated with turquoises.

These and many more precious relics of ancient Mexico, taken from a hidden tomb, are described in an exciting story from Mexico City telling of the discovery of a great treasure which may rival that buried with King Tut-ankh-Amen in Egypt. Better than the gold and jewels may be the light thrown on early American history.

It is the greatest archeological treasure ever discovered on the American continent, in the opinion of Alfonso X. Caso, Mexican archeologist, who directed the secret work of ex-

cavating the fifteenth century tomb.

"Any first class museum in the United States," Caso said, as quoted by the New York Times correspondent, "would be glad to write us a check for \$1,000,000 without even examining the relics."

The discovery was made, says the Associated Press, "...in the tomb of the ten Mixtecan caciques, or feudal lords, in the fortified city of Monte Alban, high above Oaxaca," and "...the announcement cause a great buzz of prediction that the long sought gold of the 'lost cities' may at last await excavators' picks and shovels."

"The treasure already uncovered consists of more than one hundred specimens of all kinds, ranging from heavy and described as large as pigeons' eggs. A half dozen necklaces, said to be 'an extremely minor part of the treasure,' were evaluated at

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"One of the most interesting objects," writes a United Press correspondent from Oaxaca City, "was a skull profusely decorated with turquoises and sea shells, which the excavators said was the skull of a warrior killed in battle by one of the chieftains whose tomb was opened. The chieftain, the experts said, preserved the skull as a trophy." In addition, "...human bones were found carved with various inscriptions."

Hieroglyphics on many of the objects, it is said, may reveal something of the obscure history of the Mixtecos,

who are believed to have come from the North before the Aztecs.

Hunt for the treasure was financed in part by the late Dwight V. Morrow, former Ambassador to Mexico. So cleverly was it concealed, the dispatches point out, that it was overlooked by Cortez and his conspirators 400 years ago.

"While the relics' primary appeal will be to specialists, they will unquestionably have some meaning for laymen," remarks the Baltimore Sun.

"As time passes, the reconstruction of the American past and the reclaiming of the American heritage become more and more a significant work.

"The secrets of both of these things are to be found, if anywhere, in the relics of the Indians of Mexico and Central America. The more that comes to light about them and is presented for scholarly scrutiny and synthesis the greater the opportunity of eventually piecing together the full meaning of one of the most important aspects of our heritage."



HANCOCK SET TO SPEAK AT TNA AREA PROGRAMS

Aveil Hancock of Bellme, first vice president of Texas Numismatic Assn., will be guest speaker at two specially planned TNA-sponsored area-wide programs. The subject for discussion will be counterfeit coins.

District Two hosts for a September 28 program will be the Odessa, Midland and Spanish Trail (Ft. Stockton) Coin Clubs in Odessa at the First National Bank building 7:30 p.m. For further information contact Mrs. Wilma Shuster, Dist. 2 Governor, 1608 W. Callaghan, Ft. Stockton, Tex. 79735.

Hidalgo Coin Club of McAllen will

of a host at a buffet dinner preceding Hancock's counterfeit forum at the Elbo Motor Hotel in Edinburg, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Miriam Gilmore, Box 71, Weslaco, Tex. 78596 for further details.

Hancock, one of the nation's top numismatists, spoke to members of the Beaumont, Orange and Port Arthur coin clubs August 17 in Beaumont, marking the first of the three TNA-sponsored-area-wide programs.

Special invitations have been extended to all collectors, dealers and bank officials.

TOPICAL COLLECTING

THE WORLD'S GARDEN

BY
DORIS MARTIN
HOUSTON, TEX.

The earth's plant life is legion. It is represented in some form on most of the world's coins. This necessitates limiting the scope when discussing flora as a topical coin collection. It need not limit you as a collector. However, one does not have to strive for all the coins from each country nor for more than one coin depicting each form of plant life. Do try to acquire the coins that have the most pleasing representation of each plant. Also take into consideration the coins from each country in which a given plant carries with it the most historical or economic meaning.

This article will be confined to regular coinage, except gold issues, that features plant life in a realistic form as a significant part of the coin design. Wreaths will be omitted. They are too numerous and they are more-or-less composed of the same plant materials.

If any collection is to be meaningful, one must specialize. There are many sub-topics within a topical collection. Using the plant form as shown on the coins, let's sort them into five broad classes: Trees (depicted by a full tree, distinct branch or definite leaf). Smaller plants depicted in the same way; Flowers with the bloom prominent. Fruits; Grains.

Basic information comes next. This includes the name of the country, coin denomination, date, mint, metal

and identity of the plant featured.

This identification is a most important point. We want to know WHAT it is. This is true of all topical collections whether it be animals, weapons, sports, industries, brides, transportation, architecture, rulers, et al. This basic data can be found in numismatic publications under their reports of new and recent issues and in articles discussing a specific country. A botany handbook has given me many clues.

With this behind us, we are ready to get to the heart of our collection—why a given country chose a certain plant or plants to use as their coinage design. This requires digging—no pun intended. A session with the encyclopedia is suggested. A better understanding of the world's people, history, economics and geography is guaranteed. Diligent research separates the numismatists from the amassers!

We acquired some clues to answer the "why" when we identified the plants. Perhaps it's time to reclassify. Use your own ideas. As a starter, we suggest: Internationally recognized symbols; National and State symbols; Economic factors; Medicinal properties; Indigenous to a given locale. To illustrate and set you on the hunt, a few in each class are listed:

International Symbols:

Oak—Strength and steadfastness;
Olive—peace and loyalty; Palm—

Victory and gladness; Laurel—Honor and valor.

National and State Symbols:

White orchid—Guatemala; Rose—Ancient Rhodes and England; Palm—Ancient Judea and Israel; Edelweis — Austria; Rhododendron — Nepal; Thistle — Scotland; Chrysanthemum and Cherry blossom — Japan; Cedar — Lebanon; Palmetto — South Carolina; Maple — Canada.

Economic Factors:

Rice—The Oriental countries; Coffee — Yemen; Grapes — Italy, Spain, Israel, Ancient Judea; Cocoa — Ghana, Surinam; Olive—Israel, Greece, Italy, Ancient Athens; Pineapple — Bahama, Barbados; Palm — Most tropical countries; Grains—Most countries.

Medicinal Properties:

Aloe — South Africa, Silphium — Ancient Cyrene.

Indigenous to a Given Locale:

All other plant life not falling into the above classes. For example, the U.S. commemorative half, the Spanish Trail, features the Yucca which grew in abundance along the trail.

After one has acquired the coins and pertinent data, it is normal and right that they be shared with fellow hobbyists. A display is the logical vehicle. Let's think about that for a moment.

We should limit the theme by selecting one class to exhibit or we should arrange to display each class in its own case. The over-all title should include all cases with subtitles for the individual cases. Certainly we will include our hard-earned information neatly typed and properly placed. An appropriate touch in the first case or directly on the title placard could be one or all of the coins listed. Each features a girl planting seeds or seedlings.

Czechoslovakia, 1 Koruna (1957-64); German Republic, Pfennigs (1949-50); and several French coins.

Happy collecting and may your garden grow!



(Editor's Note—Limited space forced the exclusion of a nearly complete list of coins featuring the world's flora which reflected much time, effort and study on the part of the author. The editor has the list on file and if any collector is contemplating a collection of the above described, the list will be forwarded.)

WHERE ARE THOSE TEXAS AUTHORS?

We've asked, "Why do you run reprints from other magazines?"

The answer is simple ... if there's not on hand enough competent, original articles which will be of interest to our TNA News readers, and if there are some interesting stories in other publications, we are forced to borrow and reprint an occasional article. (Incidentally, other papers borrow and reprint some of our stories, as has even Coin World, Western Coin Collector and others, along with other State organization publications).

So, you Texas authors, sharpen your pencils and put on paper a story of interest to other Texas collectors and at the same time you will be eligible for the annual K. K. Tidwell Literary Award presented to a TNA member whose original article is judged best of the publication year. This award has been given to Frank O'Sullivan of San Antonio, V. J. Van Cleave, Richardson, and Benny Nibert, Edinburg. Will you be the 1968 recipient?

Everyone has at least one good story in his mind, so put it on paper, and send it on in ... please!

A NUMISMATIC PROFILE

Tommy Walter, keeping his guardian eyes on the cash-box, has been a familiar fixture at Houston shows for many a year.

Long - time residents of Bellaire, Thomas W. Walter, with his most charming wife, Blondean, for months worked six hours each week night and all Sundays to handle the pre-registration correspondence for the big A.N.A. 1965 convention, and then drafted daughter, Marilyn, to help staff the registration desk during the show.

Greater Houston Coin Club member since 1961, collector of foreign



Tommy Walters

crowns and United States coins, educated at Rice Institute, research development engineer with Hughes Tool Co., Tommy is one of that rare breed, a native Houstonian.

Always a diligent and careful worker in the numismatic vineyard, Tommy handled the 1966 R.C.D.A. convention registration, has lent a dependable hand year after year with G.H.C.C.'s registration, auction and exhibits. As too often is the case with such dependable workers, seldom has anyone taken the time to say, "Thank you, Tommy!" After the 1965 A.N.A. convention, Tommy did receive one lone "thank you" letter - from Mrs. Elston Bradfield, wife of the then-editor of The Numismatist.

Belatedly, Tommy, all of us who've enjoyed the shows at Houston now say to you, "Thank you, Tommy!"



from the secretary

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From the
second vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Bill Brothers
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Things seem to look brighter for T.N.A. since we visited last. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to keep the TNA News going. Many long and hard hours have been put in by many members to raise funds toward this publication's continuance. The battle is not over but with the type of members this organization has, I believe the answer is not too far in the future. Many ideas have been tossed out and this is what we need.

The Governing Board will be meeting in a short time in Austin, and I hope that some ideas will be presented that will kick off some long range plans toward the growth of T.N.A. Also, please see that all ticket stubs for the state-wide drawing are in the hands of Roger Earwood or Lyman Bartee before the drawing in

Austin. The show is the weekend of September 23-24.

It has been brought to my attention that clubs across the state have not been sending in the club meeting reports to TNA News. Many clubs get ideas from these reports on what to do different at their meetings. Would the club representatives see that these reports get to TNA News? I am also asking the District Governors to send me a complete list of meeting times, places and dates of all clubs in their district. Maybe in the near future we can publish this information in the monthly journal.

There are still many delinquent clubs and members that have not been reinstated. Let's see if we can get these members back in the fold. T.N.A. needs the support of these members as well as a steady flow of new members.



from the librarian

T.N.A. Memorial Library

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Another grand contribution has been made to the visual education program! Clay Stubblefield of Corpus Christi has donated a set of slides

and commentary "Some Netherlands Coins" to the ever-growing slide set program. The entire membership benefits from the kind and generous acts of other T.N.A. members. When ordering this new set for club showings, ask for #12.

During July, there were 11 slide set showings and six scheduled for the first week in August. There was one request for one book.

JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

Stan Orman, junior member of Corpus Christi Coin Club, recently gave the program on "Little Known Facts About U. S. Type Coins." He exhibited 15 coins and asked questions about each which showed members how much more they can learn about a country's coins.



Mrs. Fred Floerke
Youth Chairman

Drawings were used to show various facts brought out by the young speaker such as location of mint marks, designers' initials, points where dirt might accumulate or wear be greatest, a military symbol, etc.

The program was very favorably received by club members which is

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By **GEORGE MATHER**
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

Did you review the twenty A.N.A. services listed in the June Club Bulletin? If not it is still a good idea. Maybe a better idea would be to persuade your club representative to make the review as part of a club program.



George Mather

This is a good place to remind all club officers that may have been recently elected, and others too, to be

sure an A.N.A. club representative is appointed. This person can keep up with the news in the bulletin and report on items of interest during club meetings.

The 1967 A.N.A. convention will be a memory when this is received. Those who attended will have seen many beautiful displays and made many new friends. Those who could not should get a special piggy bank and plan ahead for next year. It is a truly great numismatic experience.

Don't forget - - 20 services - - Of course A.N.A. membership comes first.



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SEPTEMBER 9-10

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SEPTEMBER 16-17

GALVESTON COUNTY COIN CLUB, Texas City, 9th Jamboree, Holiday Inn. Details Later.



SEPTEMBER 23-24

AUSTIN COIN CLUB annual show. Villa Capri Motel. Gen. Chmn.: Lyman Bartee, Box 1225, Austin 78767.



SEPT. 30-OCT. 1

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OCTOBER 7-8

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, 6th annual coin show, Hotel Texas. Write Club Sec.: Mrs. Alma Medley, 1809 Higgins Lane, Ft. Worth.



OCTOBER 14-15

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

October 7-8 are the dates selected by the **Fort Worth Coin Club** for presenting the sixth annual show at Hotel Texas in the Crystal Ballroom.

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DISTRICT TWO:

John Culver gave a report on plans for the forthcoming coin show to be hosted by **Midland Coin Club**. The Tall City Coin Show will be held on October 14-15 at the Holiday Inn, West Highway 80. Lesley Powell is show chairman.



Wilma Shuster
Governor

At the recent meeting, Dr. H. H. Wilson presented a question and answer program. — R. E. Howard Reporter.



DISTRICT THREE:

Collectors from all over the West Texas area are making plans to attend the seventh annual coin show sponsored by the **San Angelo Coin Club**. The event will take place at the Town House Motor Hotel on September 9-10. Fred W. Clark is general chairman.

Bud Reynolds presented slides and

spoke at a recent meeting on U. S. coins from Colonial times to date. Six members displayed coins. The club has recently added quite a few new members to the rolls. — Fred W. Clark, Reporter.



Members of the **Big Spring Coin Club** have canceled the 1967 coin show which had been set for October 21-22 at the Settles Hotel.

At the July meeting a discussion was held on ways to promote the hobby in the community other than coin shows. More plans were to be made at the August meeting. — W. E. Wozencraft, Reporter.



J. G. Pflinger
Governor



DISTRICT FOUR:

One of the outstanding gold exhibits in the Southwest will be on display at the annual "Money Mart" of **Austin Coin Club** at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel in Austin on September 23-24, according to Lyman Barte, general chairman.

The exhibit will be shown by its owner, Henry Bliznak, San Angelo, who gained wide recognition at the Spring convention of T



Lyman Barte
Governor

N.A. held in Dallas.

Special emphasis will be given during the Money Mart, which usually attracts more than 2,000 persons, to educational and informational numismatic exhibits, Barteo said, and all available space will be given to these unusual features.

For the second consecutive year, the Board of Governors of T.N.A. will conduct its semi-annual official meeting during the show, thus bringing to Austin some of the most prominent numismatists in the state. — **Brad Smith, Publicity.**



Douglas Weaver recently spoke to 35 members of the Heart of Texas Coin and Stamp Club of Waco at the T.P.&L. building. Weaver chose as his subject "The Future of Coin Collecting."

Several new members were welcomed into the club. — **Bernice Casper, Reporter.**



DISTRICT FIVE:

The fourth annual Mesquite Coin Club show held July 8-9 was well attended and dealers reported business good and looking on the upward side. — **Roger Earwood, Gov. Dist. 5.**



Roger Earwood
Governor



DISTRICT SIX:

A grand party was held in July by members of the Beaumont Coin Club honoring officers and charter members who founded the club in January, 1954. The program was arranged and presented by the first elected officers: E. R. Wentz, president; Angie Moore, vice president; and Reg-

gie Newton, secretary-treasurer.

The August 17 meeting was scheduled to go down in history as one of the most spectacular for the Beaumont group according to the club bulletin. The Greater Orange, Greater Port Arthur and Beaumont clubs co-sponsored a special meeting with Virgil Hancock of Bellaire as special guest and speaker. The program included an exhibit of counterfeit coins which had been displayed at the August A.N.A. convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

This was the first of T.N.A. sponsored area-wide programs with others scheduled at Odessa, September 28 and Edinburg, (Rio Grande Valley) on October 5. Hancock, first vice president, T.N.A., will be featured speaker at both events.



Mrs. Chris Johns, District 6 Governor, reported on attending a meeting of the Madisonville Coin Club in the Pasadena Coin Club bulletin, "Pasadena Plain Talk."



Chris Johns
Governor

It was also reported that for the July club meeting, a slide set from the T.N.A. Memorial Library would be shown.



Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City enjoyed a "Pot Luck" supper and game party July 25 with Ruby Threlkeld as entertainment chairman.

J. D. Fuller reported that everything was shaping up for the ninth Coin Jubilee set for September 16-17 at the Holiday Inn in Texas City. Carl Nessler is in charge of bourse and may be reached at Drawer C, Texas City 77591.

Hugh Threlkeld is exhibit chair-

man for the 10 categories and has invited members of La Marque and Treasure Island Coin Clubs, Galveston, to enter displays. Mrs. Claude Bessler is chairman for the awards banquet.

Jo Ann and Claude Bessler were to present the program for the August meeting. They spent their vacation in Colorado, sight-seeing at the new A.N.A. home and the Denver mint taking movies of the trip — **Ruby Threlkeld, T.N.A. Rep.**



"Odd and Curious Money" was the title of the slide set from the T.N.A. Memorial Library presented at the recent meeting of **La Marque Coin Club**. Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld displayed a collection of love tokens. A question and answer period followed the program.

Three new members were welcomed into the club. — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**



DISTRICT SEVEN:

Some of the District 7 coin clubs enjoying slide sets each month as programs include Alamo, Gateway, clubs of San Antonio and New Braunfels Coin Club.



The Victoria Numismatic Club

held the annual barbecue supper recently with 30 members and their families present. A trading session followed and members showed collections they were working on and were able to get assistance from other members.

The group meets the first and third Thursday at one of the Victoria banks with members being notified before

each meeting. — **Mrs. Alice V. Titus, Sec.**



DISTRICT EIGHT:

Programs set for the two meetings in August for **World Coin Club** of Corpus Christi included a games night and an A.N.A. slide set showing "Famous Women on Coins."

The club meets in the Parkdale Community Room.



Clarence Davis
Governor



Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi will hold its sixth annual show October 28-29 in the concourse of Memorial Coliseum on the bay front. General chairman is Ed Kane, 910 W. Lakeside Dr., Corpus Christi 78418.

Clarence Davis, Box 4291, will serve as bourse chairman and in charge of exhibits in Clay Stubblefield, 3630 Victory Dr. Others serving are Joe B. Davis, secretary; Sam



Graves Rouse
Governor



Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi will hold its sixth annual show at Memorial Coliseum on October 28-29. Left to right, Ed Kane, general chairman; Onida Buckner, finance; Clarence Davis, bourse; Norma Mather, publicity; and Clay Stubblefield, exhibits, are happy that the show will feature "The Scrapbook" which was awarded first place in A.N.A. National Coin Week competition.

Bassons, youth activities; Onida Buckner, finance; Edna Teltschik, registration; and Norma Mather, publicity.

Feature attraction of the show will be "The Scrapbook" — Texas-sized pictorial record of the many activities which earned the first place award in Class A. A.N.A. National Coin Week competition. The \$5-page scrapbook will be displayed with the trophy accepted for the club at the convention in Miami by George Mather. — **Norma Mather, Publicity.**



Twenty-eight members and five guests attended the July 10 meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** at Gulfway National Bank. After a brief business session conducted by Sam Bassous, and presentation of Maximilian Numismatic Society membership pins by Lamar Folda, 18 adults and five juniors participated in the "Show and Tell" program.

Seven chose to show coins of sentimental value. Exhibits included U. S. and Mexico type coins; silver dollars; Angola "Crown;" Byzantine 7th century gold piece; paper money; tokens; and medals. Requests for repetition of this type of program were numerous.

The final item was tickets for donations to the TNA News Continuation Fund, presented by District 5 Governor, Clarence Davis. — **Norma Mather, Publicity.**



A games night is being planned by members of the **San Benito Coin Club** on November 30 to benefit the club treasury.

The club voted to purchase \$10 in tickets for the TNA News Continuation Fund.



Plans are progressing for hosting the TNA-sponsored-area-wide program by **Hidalgo Coin Club** members

with Virgil Hancock of Bellaire as special guest speaker. A buffet supper will be held in conjunction with the program at the Echo Motor Hotel in Edinburg, October 5.

A N.A. honor certificates were presented to Hidalgo club members who are also members of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi and who assisted in National Coin Week—Lucky, Doris and Sharon Drachenberg; and Wally and Miriam Gilmore. Also given certificates were Mayor Paul Veale of McAllen and Mayor Joe Stephens of Weslaco.

The group changed its meeting place from the Casa de Palmas Hotel to the Central Power and Light Co. building in McAllen.



Members of the **Brownsville Coin Club** voted to place a numismatic exhibit in the local museum and to donate a case to house the material.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Wildcat Show to be held in the Civic Center, Brownsville, on March 1, 2 and 3, 1968 uniting with Tip-O-Texas Collectors Ass'n. in staging the show.



Don Pruitt of Port Isabel gave the program at the recent meeting of **Willacy County Coin Club**. Pruitt conducted a numismatic quiz.

The club meets the third Wednesday at the Dew Drop Inn, Lyford.



A covered dish supper and games night was enjoyed by members of the **Harlingen Coin Club** in July. The get-together was held at the Elks Lodge in Harlingen.

Members were planning to participate in the 40th anniversary of Flynn Investment Co., August 12, by placing exhibits at the company building during the day of the celebration.

DISTRICT NINE:

The South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock raised their attendance at the last meeting by over 300% by having a short program, short auction and giving an attendance award.

Attendance had dropped off greatly and it appears the new format meets the need of everyone from the new collector to the advanced. — Rudy Rice, Gov. Dist. 9.



Rudy Rice
Governor

A new coin club has been organized at Littlefield with about 25 beginning members.

Further news of the club will be given in future issues of TNA News. — Rudy Rice, Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT ELEVEN:

In July, the Amarillo Coin Club met in the NIT Room of the Herring Hotel when a discussion was held concerning membership. A questionnaire is being sent to former members and non-active members to try to determine the reason they have lost interest.

A program was held on "Coins of Special Significance" another of the interesting slide sets provided through the T.N.A. Memorial Library. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.



Troy H. Coan
Governor

meeting will be the second Monday in October. — Troy H. Coan, Gov., Dist. 11.

At a recent meeting of the Dalham-Hartley County Coin Club, final plans were made for the NIT coin and gun show which was set for August 5-6 in conjunction with the NIT Remmon in Dalhart.

The Dalham-Hartley club meets the third Monday in the Starlite Room of Western Skies Motel in Dalhart. The club recently applied for membership in T.N.A. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club met in July at the Y.M.C.A. Memorial Hall with Roger Paulk, president, conducting the business session. Wm. Rust, Sr., District 13 Governor, gave a report on T.N.A. and M. L. Goolsby



Wm. Rust
Governor

reported on the 71st annual convention of Texas Philatelic Assn. held in Houston. His report carried "We saw 152 frames of the most beautiful, most interesting and best displayed stamps we ever hope to see. More than 8000 persons attended. Dallas will host the 1968 meeting."

New officers for the North Texas - Southern Oklahoma Coin Assn. were introduced. Paulk of Wichita Falls, president, C. P. Nichols, Electrica vice president, T. L. O'Steen, Vernon, secretary-treasurer, and Rust, Jr. Wichita Falls, club representative. Capt. Craig Taylor of Lawton, Okla. announced plans for a NTSC coin show to be held in Lawton the first part of November. All area clubs will be in

vited to participate.

Slide films on Confederate States of America currency and coins were furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library provided the evening's program.

CUBAN...SILVER—

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T.N.A. Members Score At Louisiana Event

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